

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for scanning media comprising:
positioning a medium having a target surface proximate to a surface of a scanner; and
providing a focal point shifter interposed between said surface of said scanner and said target surface.
2. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
refractively shifting a focal point of the scanner from a point proximate to said scanner surface to a point proximate to said target surface.
3. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
pressing said target surface toward a first surface of said shifter.
4. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
shaping said shifter such that it operates as a lens.
5. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
maintaining a separation between said shifter and said surface of said scanner to minimize interference effects.
6. The method of claim 1 further comprising:
maintaining a separation between said shifter and said target surface to minimize interference effects.
7. A device for use in the scanning of media comprising:
means for shifting a focal point of a scanner, the means interposed between a scanner surface and a target surface; and
means for orienting a medium to said shifting means.
8. The device of claim 7 wherein said shifting means refractively moves the intended scanning area of a scanner from an area proximate to said scanner surface to an area proximate to said target surface.
9. The device of claim 7 wherein said shifting means is incorporated in a template.

10. The device of claim 7 further comprising:
compression means to press the target surface and said shifting means together.
11. The device of claim 7 wherein said shifting means is shaped to be slideably insertable into a media holder bringing the target surface closer to said shifting means.
12. The device of claim 17 wherein said shifting means is shaped to conform with said target surface.
13. The device of claim 7 further comprising:
means for keeping said shifting means from touching the scanner surface.
14. The device of claim 7 further comprising:
means for keeping said shifting means from touching the target surface.
15. The device of claim 7 further comprising:
a backlight positioned on an opposite side of said medium from said scanner surface.
16. The system for scanning media comprising:
a scanner to scan a target surface of a medium; and
a focal point shifter interposed between a surface of the scanner and the target surface.
17. The system of claim 16 wherein said shifter refractively moves an optimal point from a point proximate to said scanner surface to a point proximate to said target surface.
18. The system of claim 16 wherein said shifter is part of a media template.
19. The system of claim 16 further comprising:
a lid that closes over the medium pressing the target surface toward the shifter.
20. The system of claim 16 wherein a surface of said shifter is adapted to match said target surface.
21. The system of claim 16 wherein said shifter is slideably insertable into a media template.

22. The system of claim 16 further comprising:
at least one gasket to prevent the shifter from maintaining contact with the scanner surface.
23. The system of claim 16 further comprising:
at least one gasket to prevent the shifter from maintaining contact with the target surface.